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Student experience leads to full-time employment Harris comes to ICC...and finds home

Staff Reports

Brewer native John Wayne Harris, director of Projects and Energy Management Systems, came to Itawamba Community College as a freshman in the fall of 2006, and he never left.

The son of Nannette and Joe Harris, he had just graduated from Shannon High School in the spring.

During the first few days of his freshman year, he said he jumped feet first into running the sound for CenterStage for its fall concert and “turned around and did the same thing for dinner theatre, all the while going to class and being a part of the All-American Marching Band.”

And somehow he just knew he wanted to earn his degree and start his career at ICC.

Through running the sound for CenterStage, he began working with Terry McCarthy, former technical events coordinator, on activities that were scheduled for the W.O. Benjamin Fine Arts Center auditorium. That led him to being a student worker for



John Wayne Harris, director of Projects and Energy Management, stands in front of the new residence hall, which is under construction at the Fulton Campus.

(Coach) Carrie Ball-Williamson, athletic director. In that role, he attended all of the basketball games and events at the newly-constructed Davis Event Center. His duties included set up and sound and light operation as well as helping Ball-Williamson with camps and other activities. “Coach Ball took a

chance on me as a work-study, which eventually led me to applying for a job here at the college,” Harris said.

The job for which he applied two years later after he had earned the associate’s degree in Electrical Technology was “Housekeeper/Sound Technician,” and it was available be-

cause there was no one to run sound or lights for the Davis Event Center. “I applied for the position due to knowing a lot of the people here and enjoying my time as a student worker,” Harris said. “From housekeeping/sound technician, I knew something about computers and had finished my electrical degree, so I started helping the electricians and HVAC techs while still doing setups around campus and in the Davis Event Center. Mr. Wayne Sullivan (former ICC vice president of development and planning) found I knew more about computers than I let on, so he sent me to several week-long classes to learn our HVAC automation system. Through those classes, I became a master operator and was the only one in the state for a while.”

The next step in his career was serving as the energy manager for ICC although he still managed setups and helped in maintenance. - **See Harris, page fourteen.**

Perfect score leads Salinas to NASA opportunity

Staff Reports

Itawamba Community College sophomore Diana Salinas of Golden has been selected into the National Aeronautics and Space Administration’s Community College Aerospace Scholars summer program.

Salinas was chosen as one of the top performing students in a NASA-sponsored five-week online course, which was a prerequisite for her prestigious selection. She earned a perfect score on the program where she designed a robot to collect samples on the Moon. Salinas will receive a \$550 stipend from NASA for completing the summer



Diana Salinas

program, which will be virtual due to COVID.

“It has been a great experience to be able to participate in this course,” Salinas said. “I learned many new skills and was able to interact with some amazing NASA speakers. If you are interested in space or

NASA, I highly recommend this course to others.”

The virtual NCAS will include an interactive team competition to plan a mission to the Moon or Mars; NASA mentors assigned to each team; speakers from NASA’s diverse workforce; virtual behind-the-scenes tours of multiple NASA centers; individualized resume feedback from NASA mentors and guidance from NASA internships and NCAS alumni explaining the steps to become an intern.

See Salinas, page four.



Safe Place

Itawamba Community College students and Fulton residents take advantage of shelter in the Band Hall, Mar. 17, when the area was under a tornado warning. Members of the ICC family should be aware of tornado safe places, which are located in ICC’s Emergency Procedures manuals at www.iccms.edu.

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CORA YIELDING

Editor

Take time to smell the roses

This time last year, we were sent home on an “extended” spring break, not knowing what the next 365 days would look like.

The world has been turned upside down for most college-aged students for more than a year now. These chaotic times have been described as unprecedented, frightening and confusing. As we are still learning how to be successful while continuing, for the most part, online school, I decided to take a break from technology for a few days.

Sunday, Mar. 7, I drove to the Sipsey River in Alabama with a few friends from the Baptist Student Union. We hiked more than three miles into the William B. Bankhead forest to camp.

When we arrived, there was no cell service, and there wouldn’t be any for as long as we were there. We spent three days in tents and hammocks, cooking over a fire and bathing in the river. We hiked every day and saw the beauty in the world around us. We fed the local animals with some of our dried fruit, and we spent the time sunbathing on the rocks around the river. Despite the cold nightly weather, the daytime sun made for a beautiful time to connect with the world away from civilization.

It was refreshing to see a group of college students be freed by being able to step away from technology and connect with nature.

I learned that by being able to take time away from the craziness of this world and step into nature with an open mind will clear your head.

With all of the chaos that surrounds us in today’s world, the freedom of taking time away is quite refreshing. If you find some time within the next few weeks, I challenge you to go out, smell the roses, breathe the fresh air and focus on the beauty of the things around you. I guarantee that you’ll feel better in no time.



College CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Due to COVID-19 and fluid scheduling, check ICC’s calendar at www.iccms.edu for the latest updates.

OPINION POLL

What do you think...

“What do you like most about Itawamba Community College?”

Jamerica Chaney
Freshman
Meridian

“They are very helpful! They helped me when I had vehicle issues.”

Luke Grissom
Sophomore
Tupelo

“I like ICC mostly because of the student-teacher ratio and how well the teachers communicate with the students.”

Nijah McMillian
Freshman
Shannon

“I like ICC because you can make long-term friendships, and the teachers communicate with their students.”

Tanijah Patterson
Freshman
Tupelo

“I like how lenient the teachers are, how helpful the teachers are, and I like the people at ICC.”

Richard Stone
Freshman
Tupelo

“I would say I like the connection with instructors and the student-teacher relationships.”

Brandon Dillard
Sophomore
Saltillo

“I like Itawamba Community College because I was able to get scholarships and free education.”

Rohm Patel
Freshman
Tupelo

“I like the calm environment and the small classes at ICC.”

April Gray
Freshman
Blue Springs

“What I like most is all the people here at ICC.”

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IEWPOINT

SAMANTHA McNAMARA

Staff Writer

Anything worth doing...

Midterms are finally in the rear view, and if you’re anything like me, you may still be biting your nails. Between hospital stays, sick children, work, moving and being a single parent, I’ve had little time to study. After my third breakdown this semester, I finally remembered something a teacher told me years before: “Anything worth doing is worth doing poorly.”

If you’re a perfectionist like myself, this sentiment may sound like nails on a chalkboard, and I get it. As a card carrying black and white thinker myself, you have my full sympathy. Just hear me out.

I admit I didn’t actually understand what my teacher meant by that until I was much older...an explanation back then would have been nice. An explanation could have potentially saved me years of procrastination, but I digress. Fear not, I’ll offer my interpretation. What I think he meant was that anything worth doing is worth giving your best 10 percent. Brushing your teeth for 30 seconds is better than not brushing them at all. Cleaning out half of your car is better than nothing at all. Studying for 10 minutes is better than nothing at all. And finally, giving yourself permission to not make a perfect grade before taking the test is ok.

Another trick I learned later was the 70 percent rule. Often I’ll put something off, not because I’m tired or don’t have time but because I’m scared that it won’t be perfect. The fear of starting a task and not walking away with a perfect score or a shining masterpiece can sometimes feel paralyzing.

I’ve painted the same room three times in the past year because of this standard I’ve set for myself. It’s this all-or-nothing thinking that prevents me from trying in the first place. So, I’ve learned to only ask myself to do a job that would earn a solid 70 percent. I’ve found it much easier to get started when the pressure and confines of perfection have been lifted.

Reality is that life is happening all around us. We all have so much to get done and never enough hours to do it. A lot of us suffer from the debilitating anxiety brought on by procrastination.

In full disclosure, this article was due yesterday, so I feel I am fully qualified to preach on these matters.

My hope is that moving forward that we offer ourselves a little more kindness and give ourselves permission to give our best effort today whether it be 10 or 70 percent.

There’s a place for YOU on the Chieftain staff!

Scholarships available for those who qualify.

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Teacher Spotlight

Rhonda Sullivan Hallmark Social Sciences

FAMILY: Son, Richard; Daughter, Desta; Grandson, Troy.

EDUCATION: ICC at night (part-time) before online learning was an option, and worked full-time for four years, then transferred to the University of Mississippi, earned bachelor’s degree in sociology and history and continued to graduate school there, receiving the Master of Social Science degree.”

COURSES TAUGHT: Introduction to Sociology, Marriage and Family, Social Problems.

EXPERIENCE: Taught a year at Amory High School and held other jobs while teaching as an adjunct for nine years. In 2005, joined the full-time faculty at the Tupelo Campus. Following a debilitating stroke, by the fall semester, teaching on-line. Became lead instructor in sociology in eLearning, teaching online and traditional classes.

POSITIVES OF TEACHING: “I love getting to know students and perhaps give them a perspective in life that they might not have had.”

NEGATIVES OF TEACHING: ““Actually, there is not much to dislike, but occasionally there are students who abuse financial aid or scholarships and have no intention of learning while other students have no assistance and really struggle financially.”

ADVICE TO STUDENTS: “Be ACTIVE, not passive, in your learning. Read the syllabus, directions, course calendar, textbook, Canvas announcement, emails, etc. so you can be an active participant in YOUR education.”

MARKERIA WHITE
Staff Writer



Alumnus Bishop Alexander comes home to ICC, Feb. 24, to present Unity programs at both the Fulton and Tupelo campuses.

ICC activities continue despite COVID challenges

MYKIA CANNON
Staff Writer

It has been a year since the first case of COVID-19.

Not only has this virus affected the world, but it has significantly impacted student activities at ICC.

Before the pandemic, extracurricular activities were a way to escape the stress of college life. It was a way students could become more relaxed.

However, according to studies, COVID-19 has caused depression, stress and weight gain because of quarantine.

Student Activities Director Jake Hartfield recently discussed COVID’s impact on ICC’s extracurricular activities. “We have provided monthly

virtual bingo and trivia opportunities, but also some grab and go events to ensure social distancing,” Hartfield said. “While we had to change our approach in January and February due to COVID, we are beginning to provide more in-person events for the remainder of the semester because of warmer weather. It’s important during this pandemic that everyone is social distancing.”

Hartfield noted that ICC follows all guidelines and executive order capacity limits. “We encourage participants to be mindful of all social distancing and mask guidelines while at our events.” - *See COVID, page seven.*

Alexander says unity vital especially in pandemic

Staff Reports

ICC alumnus Bishop Alexander, who is the director of Alumni Relations at the University of North Alabama, returned to his alma mater, Feb. 24, for the first time since he left in 2004 to be the featured speaker for Unity programs on both the Fulton and Tupelo campuses.

HIS ROOTS

He called it a great opportunity to talk about unity and finding a way to unify in the midst of a global pandemic.

Alexander described himself as a “kid from a small town with big dreams.” He said his story is a simple one. He is the son of a single divorced mother, who told her children that she wanted them to be educated and successful, not six feet under or in jail. Although she died four years ago, Alexander’s mother continues to have an impact on her son and his family.

COMMUNITY COLLEGES VITAL

He said when he started at ICC, he had big dreams, but he wasn’t sure where he wanted to go. “The two-year system is important,” Alexander said. “It’s where I learned life lessons. I wasn’t born into money, but the faculty, staff and administration (at ICC) saw something in me I didn’t see in myself.” He credits retired ICC President Dr. David Cole for doing just that. He noted that he realizes now that time was preparing him for the road ahead. When he went to the University of North Alabama as a student, he said he wanted to make a difference.

CELEBRATING UNITY

Alexander said that Black history stories are important, and should be shared more than just during the national celebration in February, as we do with Martin Luther King Jr. and Rosa Parks. He said that during this pandemic “we are all fighting to stay alive. How can we all get rid of this pandemic together?”

He noted that a lot of silver linings have come out of the pandemic. “What’s next when normal returns? Are you still going to do what you’re doing now?” Alexander said that “we don’t allow fear. Let’s continue to move forward.”

Alexander shared the story of Garrett Alexander, who invented the three-way traffic light in 1922, citing his forward thinking, and a little-known accomplishment of a Black man.

MAXIMIZE EACH MOMENT

“ICC can still thrive,” Alexander said, even with a pandemic. “You must tell yourself every day, ‘we’re in this together.’ If you are here today, you have an opportunity. What do we do with the time that has been given us? We must maximize each moment. While you have time, make the most of it.”

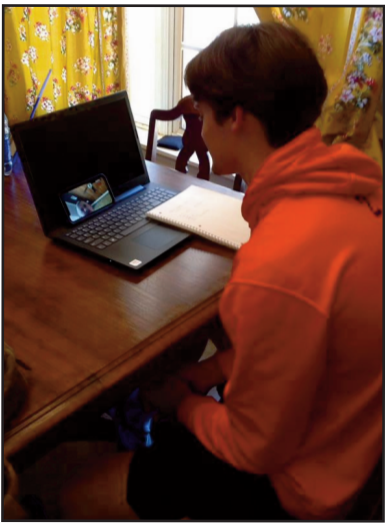
Alexander said that with unity “we are all chasing the same thing. How can you make a difference where you are?”

A CHALLENGE

Alexander said that before her death four years ago and when he was growing up, his mother ensured that his family celebrated holidays together. “Possessions are not important,” she emphasized. “What is important that you are brothers,” when they compared what they had achieved and earned.

Alexander encouraged the audience to put themselves in someone else’s shoes. “Someone else is going through a lot worse. At the end of the day, we are very blessed. It’s all about being grateful, learn from those who came before us.”

In closing, Alexander challenged those who attended, either in person or via ZOOM, to stay strong. “It’s easy to throw in the towel. You never know what you can do until you try. Be unified. Be there for each other. Never go back to what you’ve always done. Once when things get back to normal, that’s when the work starts. Everything is going to be okay if we just keep moving forward.”



ICC freshman West Sutton registers for an orientation session last spring in this file photo.

options, including days, times and instructors and possibly completing the process before graduation from high school,” said Dr.

Melissa Haab, dean of enrollment services. “The sessions will also provide an opportunity for adult learners to connect with an adviser and to make the transition to college less intimidating.”

ICC orientation is mandatory for all graduating high school seniors. Students must have submitted an application for admission as well as a copy of the ACT score before registering for orientation, and they should sign up as soon as possible since only a limited number can attend each session.

To register, students should access <http://www.iccms.edu/Orientation>.

For more information, call (662) 862-8251 or email orientation@iccms.edu.

FYI

MAKE A NOTE OF IT

April 1 important deadline

Staff Reports

Apr. 1 is the deadline for the submission of applications for several health-related programs as well as Foundation Scholarships at Itawamba Community College.

The health programs include associate degree nursing, health information technology, licensed practical nursing (August class), occupational therapy assistant technology, physical therapist assistant technology, radiologic technology, respiratory therapy technology and surgical technology, all at the Tupelo Campus.

For more information about program requirements, access ICC's website at www.iccms.edu or call (662) 620-5239.

Apr. 1 is also the deadline for submission of on-line applications for scholarships offered by the Itawamba Community College Foundation, Inc.

A list of scholarships with complete descriptions and an online application are available on ICC's website, www.iccms.edu, then click the Financial Aid tab and Scholarships at ICC under the Financial Aid links.

Foundation scholarships are established and privately funded for ICC students by individuals, businesses, industries and organizations.

Students, faculty invited to submit nominations for Meritorious Achievement

Staff Reports

Itawamba Community College faculty, staff and students are invited and encouraged to submit nominations for Meritorious Awards for 2021.

The deadline for submission for the nominations for ICC's highest honor is Mar. 31.

All full-time employees with a minimum of three years at ICC are eligible to receive the award. Individuals cannot be selected more than once.

The criteria includes outstanding job performance, teaching, coaching, guidance, service; unselfish dedication to students and the College; outstanding leadership at the College, community involvement and/or professional organizations; and other criteria: publications/grants; club and student activities involvement; contributions to the College through committees, special projects, volunteerism; service to the community as a representative of the College and art exhibitions, con-

certs and public performances.

Award recipients will be honored later this semester, according to Tyler Camp, chief of staff and special assistant to the President.

In addition, those who were selected for the recognition in 2020 will participate in the ceremony.



All currently-enrolled students and ICC employees can nominate.

Information that is requested includes "How has this person made a difference at Itawamba Community College? What outstanding contributions has this person made for the students at Itawamba Community College? The form also includes "Indi-

cate as specifically as possible the reasons or criteria for your nomination." Submission can be in the form of a paragraph or list.

For a nomination to be considered, multiple criteria or reasons why the nominee deserves the award must be listed as well as recent accomplishments, if applicable, Camp said.

The form also indicates that providing more than a single statement will give the nominee the best opportunity for selection.

The nomination form was emailed to both students and ICC employees and more information is located at www.iccms.edu/awards.

Nominations are to be submitted to the office of the President or emailed to awards@iccms.edu.

2019 winners include Jimmy Adams, Dr. Earnest Agnew, Maggie Caldwell, Dr. Brandi McCraw, Angie Norris and Dr. Cheryl Ware. Morgan Cutturini received the John and Beth Cleveland Outstanding Faculty Award.

Approximately 40 to compete for Most Beautiful title, Apr. 22

Staff Reports

Approximately 40 contestants will compete for the title of Itawamba Community College's Most Beautiful 2021, Apr. 22, at 7 p.m. at the W.O. Benjamin Fine Arts Center auditorium at the Fulton Campus.

They include McKinley Dean, Miranda Paige Flippo, Lauren Wickline, all of **Aberdeen**; Carli Cole, Kailey Cox, Sydney Elkin, Hailey Anna Page,

all of **Amory**; Reagan Kuykendall of **Belmont**; Elisabeth "Reese" Frady of **Columbus**; Samantha Sharp of **Corinth**; Makenzie Hamilton of **Ecrú**; Lillie Grace Burton of **Eupora**; Brianna Faith Grice, Abigail McDaniel, both of **French Camp**; Ashton Bryan, Madison Collins, Grace Wiginton, all of **Fulton**; Kella Brooke O'Brian of **Golden**; Sydney Duggar of **Guntown**; Haley Makamson of **Houston**;

McKenzie Stamper of **Mantachie**; Isabella Lynn Graves, Cassie Harville, Sydney Scribner, all of **Mooreville**; Gracie Minich of **Nettleton**; Alexis Faith Kent of **New Albany**; Morgan Lee, Lydia Walker, both of **Olive Branch**; Kinley Lindsay of **Oxford**; Brianna Ball, Mabry Chamblee, Abbey Montgomery, Anna Claire Warren, all of **Pontotoc**; Kenndie Kiarra Gamble, Leah Irwin, both of **Saltillo**; A'jalauh

Caldwell of **Sherman**; Lauren Mitchell of **Smithville**; Olivia Boykin of **Steens**; and Makenzie Tate of **Tupelo**.

Tickets, which are \$10, will go on sale to the public, Apr. 1, at www.iccms.edu/tickets.

The event is sponsored by the ICC Travel Tribe. For more information, email Jessi Stevenson at jpstevenson@iccms.edu or Dr. Edana Nail at elnaill@iccms.edu.

Multiple activities set for Apr. 19-23 Indian Week

CORA YIELDING
Editor

ICC's Indian Week is coming up Apr. 19-23, and several events will be provided for student participation and involvement.

Last year, the annual event was cancelled due to COVID, since ICC was on an altered schedule following the 2020 Spring Break.

The theme for this year's events, according to Student Activities Director Jake Hartfield, is the 1960s.

Members of the Student Government Association will work alongside the Student Activities staff to provide the events. Tentative activities include The Price Is Right game night, Apr. 19; Indians Got Talent opening night, Apr. 20; Crawfish Boil/Tie Dye T-shirt day, Apr. 21 and ICC's Most Beautiful pageant, Apr. 22. Other tentative events are a '60s themed-escape room hosted

by the ICC Fulton Campus Library and laser tag.

"With a year of restrictions and limitations due to COVID, we're excited to slowly open back up into in-person events with Indian Week," Hartfield said.

"Due to larger capacities and arenas, we can use the fitness center and the Davis Event Center," Hartfield said. "We are still going to have outdoor events and be mindful of social distancing."

The final Indian Week schedule will be available this week and posted to [@getinvolvedicc's](https://www.instagram.com/getinvolvedicc) Instagram and in the Student Activities Center and emailed to students and faculty, Apr. 1.

For more information following the announcement of the complete schedule, contact Hartfield at jchartfield@iccms.edu.



The empty chairs on the Fulton Campus from last spring serve as a reminder of how far ICC has come from the onset of the pandemic, which cancelled the 2020 Indian Week.

Salinas

From page one.

Salinas is majoring in computer science at ICC, where she is vice president of the Student Government Association, president of the Computer Science Club, Diamond Girl, member of the Honors College and vice president of

leadership and regional reporter for Phi Theta Kappa. Her honors include Hall of Fame, Dean's and President's lists, SGA Scholarship, All-Mississippi Academic Team and NASA Community College Aerospace Scholars. Her

community and church activities are translating, Big Brothers/Big Sisters and tutoring.

She plans to transfer to the University of Mississippi.

Her parents are Gabriela Cortes and Santos Vazquez.

Students nationwide were chosen to participate in the initial five-week course through a competitive process from among applicants who are U.S. citizens currently pursuing their initial undergraduate degree at a community

college.

Those who are considered have an interest and aptitude for mathematics, science, engineering or computer science.

Meeting Room
CLUB NEWS & CALENDAR

FULTON CAMPUS

Archery Club	Scott Milam	862.8412
Art Club	Shawn Whittington	862.8301
Bass Club	Ethan Cruse	862.8233
Chieftain	Donna Thomas	862.8244
Comm. Chiefs	Jessi Stevenson	862.8308
Computer Club	Bradley Howard	620.5329
Educators Rising	Chris Cox	862.8181
	Bobby Jarrell	862.8183
Forestry Club	Emily Loden Jones	862.8147
ICC Films	Morgan Cutturini	862.8167
ICC Honors College	Robin Lowe	862.8166
	Heather McCormick	862.8191
ICC Orient. Leaders	Dr. Melissa Haab	862.8051
	Jake Hartfield	862.8428
Indian Delegation	Dr. Melissa Haab	862.8051
	Taylor Tutor	862.8281
	Jordan Smith	862.8252
LIN Report	Maggie Caldwell	862.8241
Mirror	C.J. Adams	862.8074
Modern Language	Anna Begnaud	862.8292
Phi Theta Kappa	Robin Lowe	862.8166
	Heather McCormick	862.8191
	Jay Humphries	862.8381
Political Science	Chris Stevenson	862.8169
	Megan Eidt	620.5044
Science Club	Dr. Jada Mills	862.8369
	Lindsey Patterson	862.8359
Sigma Kappa Delta	Keith Morris	862.8326
	Anna Begnaud	862.8292
	Jenny Bowers	620.5112
	Dr. Ashley Lancaster	862.8326
	Nathan Ward	862.8164
Social Media Amb.	Maggie Caldwell	862.8241
Student Gov. Assn.	Dr. Chad Case	862.8232
	Dr. Brad Boggs	862.8271
	Jake Hartfield	862.8428
Travel Tribe	Jessi Stevenson	862.8308
	Dr. Edana Nail	862.8056
	Chris Stevenson	862.8169

TUPELO CAMPUS

Archery Club	Scott Milam	862.8412
Bass Club	Ethan Cruse	862.8233
Comp. Prog./Net.	Tanya Cox	620.5114
	Dr. Delena Hukle	620.5163
	Cindy Layman	620.5116
	Doris McCreary	620.5117
Future Rad. Tech.	Paul Crum	620.5233
Future Resp. Ther.	Adam Denton	620.5238
Indian Delegation	Michael Holloway	620.5278
Legal Ed. Assn.	Jamie Hall	620.5342
	Bo Rowland	620.5340
MOSA	Dr. Robin Sims	620.5222
	Dr. Tamar Lucas	620.5218
	Dr. Lauren Asters	620.5208
NCF	Linda Bond	620.5210
OTA	Dee Dee Lomenick	620.5026
Phi Theta Kappa	Jenny Bowers	620.5045
	Dr. Delena Hukle	620.5163
	Dr. Ira Lindsay Jones	620.5043
Student Gov. Assn.	Cynthia Adams	620.5305
	Jake Hartfield	862.8428
SHIMA	Donna Vaughn	620.5123
Student PTA Club	Dr. Cheryl Ware	620.5025
Travel Tribe	Jessi Stevenson	862.8308
	Dr. Edana Nail	862.8056
	Chris Stevenson	862.8169

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For more information
on ICC clubs and organizations,
www.iccms.edu.

PTK stoles
and tassels
still available

Staff Reports

Phi Theta Kappa stoles and tassels for the 2021 commencement ceremony will be on sale through Apr. 15 at noon.

The cost is \$35, cash or check, but the price increases to \$40 after the deadline if they are still available, according to PTK contact adviser Robin Lowe.

To purchase or for more information, contact Lowe in Humanities 117 on the Fulton Campus or email rmlowe@iccms.edu or Jenny Bowers in the Academic and Student Center 220 on the Tupelo Campus at jcbowers@iccms.edu.



Rilla Jones, dean of health science instruction, presents an award during the 2019 Evening of Celebration: Honoring Academic Excellence in this file photo. The event was cancelled last April because of COVID.

ICC to celebrate
excellence, May 3

BROOKLYNN HALL
Staff Writer

Every year, Itawamba Community College holds a ceremony that recognizes those who achieve academic excellence.

Every year, except 2020, when COVID-19 impacted the College's normal schedule.

Those honored are students nominated by faculty and staff based on GPA and academic achievement, according to Dr. Michelle Sumerel, vice president of instructional services.

Students included in the 2021 ceremony will be Hall of Fame, Mr. and Miss ICC, anyone who has received Phi Theta Kappa awards and departmental awards that are based on grade point average. The students invited to participate will be notified via letter if they have received an award, Sumerel said.

This year, the honors ceremony will be in the Davis Event Center, May 3, at 6 p.m.

As COVID restrictions continue more than a year later, the ceremony will be a bit different from years past, Sumerel said.

Previously the ceremony was in the W.O. Benjamin Fine Arts Center auditorium, and honorees went to the podium each time they received an award. However, this year each student will receive all of his or her awards at one time.

The event, which is entitled "An Evening of Excellence," will begin with ICC's President Dr. Jay Allen giving the introduction and welcome, Then the students will receive their awards, and Sumerel will discuss the importance of academic excellence. Lastly, the division chairs will have an opportunity to speak.

Sumerel said that there will not be a main speaker for the event because it will be focused more on student achievement.

As with all other ICC events, Mississippi State Department of Health and the Center for Disease Control requirements will be followed with social distancing and masks.

Student honorees will have a limited number of tickets they can claim for friends and family who would like to attend.

Phi Theta Kappa
chapters win awards

Staff Reports

Itawamba Community College's Phi Theta Kappa chapters were recipients of several awards presented during a virtual MS/LA Regional conference Thursday.

Diana Salinas of Golden, vice president of leadership for the Upsilon Sigma Chapter, received the Distinguished Officer award.

Additional Upsilon

Sigma awards include Horizon award, advisers Jay Humphries of Vina, Ala. and Robin Lowe of Amory; Honors in Action Project, sixth place out of 10; Honors in Action Theme, first place; and Distinguished Chapter.

Awards for the Beta Tau Sigma Chapter at the Tupelo Campus include Jenny Bowers of Tupelo, Horizon award and Distinguished Adviser.

Phi Theta Kappa is the

international honor society for the two-year college. Its hallmarks are leadership, scholarship, fellowship and service.

Members are afforded opportunities for personal and professional growth and to provide service to the community and society at-large.

Additional sponsors are Dr. Ira Lindsay Kinnard-Jones, Dr. Delena Hukle and Heather McCormick.

Daniels joins
ICC family
as MAN UP
coordinator

Staff Reports

ICC's Minority Achievement Network for Upward Progression program has a new coordinator, Dr. Anis Daniels, who is also an assistant professor of sociology at Rust College.

Among her duties, Daniels is responsible for coordinating and managing the MAN UP program as well as serving as a resource and developing an academic support program by coordinating and supervising peer tutoring and academic coaching.

Her temporary office is located in Admissions in the David C. Cole Student Services Building, and her office hours are 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Tuesday and Wednesday; and from 9 a.m.-noon, Friday. In addition to being in her office, she assists students in the MAN UP room, Crubaugh Technical Education 110.

Also, Daniels has taught at Hiram College, Kent State University and at the University of Mount Union. he has served as a program director for college student recruitment and retention, a consultant for curriculum and leadership development in the private sector and as an analyst for minority health issues. She has created and taught a range of courses that includes sociology of religion; social problems; social psychology; race and ethnicity; sex, gender and sexuality; social change and organizational analysis. She is a past recipient of Kent State Sociology's Lewis Benson Outstanding Teaching award, Hiram College's Omicron Delta Kappa Award for Outstanding Campus Community Service and Rust College's NAACP Leadership Humanitarian Award.

She is a graduate of Kent State University with a bachelor's degree in psychology and master's and doctoral degrees in sociology. Her recent research examines the relationship between religious and racial identities.

Daniels is a resident of New Albany.

Happy 50th Anniversary,
ICC Chieftain!

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Continuing Education.....	Debi Martin
WIOA.....	Brad Gates
Workforce.....	Dr. Joe Lowder

**Contact information
available
at www.iccms.edu
by clicking on the
area of interest.**

**Library adds
new service**

Staff Reports

ICC's Library has added a new all-in-one digital service, hoopla.

It will replace RBdigital and provide immediate access to content with no holds or waiting.

The multi-genre collection of more than 850,000 titles includes

- *Audiobooks
- *eBooks
- *Comic books and graphic novels
- *Full music albums
- *Movies and TV



shows

To sign up, individuals should visit hoopladigital.com or download the hoopla Digital app to sign up. The ICC ID number should be used for the library card number.



Students in ICC's Welding class at the Belden Center work on a project; bottom photo, industrial wiring.

**Belden Center
Pathways classes
begin Mar. 30**

Staff Reports

Registration is underway at Itawamba Community College for several pathway programs that are scheduled to begin Mar. 30 at the Belden Center.

They include Small Engine Repair, Introduction to Welding and Cutting and Basic Residential Wiring.

Small Engine Repair will meet Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6-9 p.m. through May 20. The 16-session program will prepare participants for a career as they develop small engine repair skills in basic maintenance, recoil systems, fuel systems, ignition systems/electrical circuits and disassembling and rebuilding small engines. Successful completion of the program entitles the participant to have an opportunity to obtain an entry-level technician position at an existing small engine repair business or to open his/her own shop. Successful completers will receive information about how to test for



the nationally-recognized technician certification exam. The cost of the program is \$369.

Introduction to Welding and Cutting meets Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6-9 p.m. through Apr. 29. The class is designed to provide entry-level skills in welding and cutting and to prepare students to do the basic GMAW and SMAW welding jobs that some industries and small businesses require. It can also be useful to the small farmer or business owner

who has many do-it-yourself projects. Different types of welding can be emphasized depending on the class participants. The class includes a basic introduction to oxy fuel cutting, welding safety, voltage regulation and setting wire feed speeds as well as "hands-on" practice. Cost of the program is \$369.

Basic Residential Wiring meets Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6-9 p.m. through Apr. 29. In this hands-on class, students can prepare to become an electrician's assistant or learn how to do basic electrical wiring for personal use. Included are proper use of meters, changing and updating receptacles, switches, loose or bad connections and troubleshooting techniques. The cost of the program is \$369.

For more information or to register, contact Josh Gammill, Pathway Coordinator, at jegammill@iccms.edu or call (662) 407-1569.

**ICC's Salinas selected
as Delta Scholar**

Staff Reports

ICC sophomore Diana Salinas of Golden has been selected for the prestigious 2021 Delta Scholars Program.

The Delta Scholars Summer Institute is a 10-day immersion program during which students will work to identify an issue of inequality or injustice in which they are interested and develop a proposal for a project that will promote dialogue and change around that issue in their own communities or the state of Mississippi.

Salinas and the other students will spend the first portion of the program at the Shackouls Honors College at Mississippi State University, where they will engage with faculty and guest lecturers from a range of disciplines to learn about issues currently challenging the people and

the economy of Mississippi, including food insecurity, public health, education and more. Substantive lessons designed to teach students about the workings and impact of different systems in the Delta will be intermixed with skills-based workshops designed to give students the planning, research and advocacy skills necessary to begin developing their independent projects.

During the summer conference, which is scheduled for June 7-18, students will take an Innovation Tour of the Delta, where they will have the chance to meet and learn from researchers, non-profit organizations and community members who have worked to tackle difficult issues in their community through bold new ap-

proaches and community-led efforts. While they are in Clarksdale, students will attend the Delta Regional Forum, where they will hear from a wide variety of presenters about current research and work impacting the Delta region and have the opportunity to present their own project proposals.

Following the Summer Institute, the Delta Scholars will reconnect in the fall for five days at Harvard University in Cambridge, Mass., which will provide an opportunity for them to share updates on their projects, receive continuing feedback, reflect on lessons learned from the program and discuss how those lessons might be applied to solving other problems in or outside of Mississippi.

Salinas is majoring in computer science at ICC,

where she is vice president of the Student Government Association, president of the Computer Science Club, Diamond Girl, member of the Honors College and vice president of leadership and regional reporter for Phi Theta Kappa.

She is the daughter of Gabriela Cortes and Santos Vazquez.

"We had our largest group of applications ever from outstanding students attending institutions throughout the country," said Dr. Christopher A. Snyder, dean and professor of history at The Shackouls Honors College in Salinas's notification letter. "The academic panelists who read your application were quite impressed and look forward to working with you this summer."

FYI

MAKE A NOTE OF IT

Recruiters

April 5**Rust College**

David C. Cole Student Services Building
Fulton Campus
Dining Hall
10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

April 6

Mississippi College
Academic and Student Center
Tupelo Campus
Dining Hall
10:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

April 14**Alcorn State**

Academic and Student Center
Tupelo Campus
Dining Hall
10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

April 15**Alcorn State**

Academic and Student Center
David C. Cole Student Services Building
Fulton Campus
Dining Hall
10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Student Activities

April 5

Donut Worry, Be Happy
Belden Training Entrance Lobby
7:30-9 a.m.

April 6

National Caramel Popcorn Day
Fulton Student Activities Center
Noon-2 p.m.

April 7

Virtual Bingo
8:05 p.m.

April 12-21

Intramural 3-on-3 Basketball
Tournament Sign-Up
Tournament - Apr. 26, 28
Fulton Fitness Center

April 13

National Peach Cobbler Day
Tupelo Academic and Student Center
7:30-9 a.m.

April 14

Intramural Flag Football
Tournament
Fulton Intramural Fields
7:30-9 a.m.

April 15

Blood Drive
Mississippi Blood Services
Fulton Student Activities Center
Tupelo Academic and Student Center
10 a.m.-3 p.m.

April 26, 28

Intramural 3-on-3 Basketball
Tournament
Fulton Fitness Center

April 28

National Blueberry Pie Day
Fulton Student Activities Center
Noon-1:30 p.m.

For more information, contact
Jake Hartfield
Director of Student Activities
662.862.8428
jchartfield@iccms.edu

Six ICC sophomores named to All-Mississippi Academic Team

Six Itawamba Community College sophomores have been named to the All-Mississippi Academic Team.

They include Kristen Howell, Diana Salinas, both of Golden; Anna Grace McKinney of Nettleton; Jason Brock of Pontotoc; Abby Rinehart, Reilly Grace Carter, both of Saltillo.

Howell is majoring in Computer Programming/Networking Technology.

She is a member of the Beta Tau Sigma Chapter of Phi



Kristen Howell

Theta Kappa and the Computer Programming and Networking Association. Her honors include Hall of Fame and President's List. She serves as a volunteer with her church with sound equipment and is a former member of 4-H. Her parents are Larry and Angie Howell.

Salinas is majoring in computer science at ICC, where she is vice president of the Student Government Association, president of the Computer Science Club, Diamond Girl, member of the Honors College and vice president of leadership and regional reporter for the Upsilon Sigma Chapter of Phi

Theta Kappa. Her honors include Hall of Fame, Dean's and President's

lists, SGA Scholarship, Dean's Scholarship, NASA Community College Aerospace Scholars, semifinalist for the Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship, PTK Distinguished Chapter Officer and 2021 Delta Scholar. Her community and church activities are translating, Big Brothers/Big Sisters and tutoring. Her parents are Gabriela Cortes and Santos Vazquez.

McKinney is vice president of scholarship and public relations for the Beta Tau Sigma Chapter of PTK at ICC, where she is majoring in Physical Therapist Assistant Technology. Her honors include President's List for two years

and secretary for the MS/LA Region of PTK. McKinney at-



Anna Grace McKinney

tends Crosspointe Fellowship in Nettleton, where she livestreams services, works with cross kids and at the welcoming

desk. Currently she serves as FFA state president. Her parents are Chuck and Lisa McKinney.

Brock is majoring in computer networking and programming and business at ICC, where he is a member of the

Beta Tau Sigma Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa. His honors include 2019-20 Top Scholar in Information Systems Computer Programming. He is the son of Jeanne W. Brock and Terry D. Brock.

Rinehart is majoring

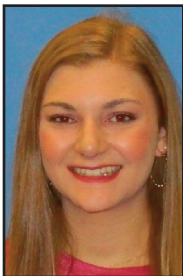
in business administration - pre-law at ICC where she is president of the Upsilon Sigma Chapter of PTK and serves as a

member of the new residence hall committee and Supplemental Instruction Leader. Her

honors are Hall of Fame, President's List, Honors College, Dean's Scholarship recipient and Coca-Cola Leaders of Promise. She is a member of the First Baptist Church of



Jason Brock



Abby Rinehart

Tupelo. Her parents are Jennifer and Christopher Rinehart.

Carter, who is a political science major, is president of the Tupelo Campus Student Government Association, vice president of service for the Beta Tau Sigma Chapter of PTK and member of the Indian Delegation and Wesley Foundation. She was an Orientation Leader for

2020. Her ICC honors include Dean's Scholarship



Reilly Grace Carter

Fame, President's and Dean's Lists and sophomore homecoming maid. Carter serves as an intern for the Lee County Youth Court and U.S. Senator Roger Wicker and is a member of the Fellowship Baptist Church of Starkville. Her parents are Chris and Denise Carter.

Each two-year college in Mississippi had an opportunity to nominate students to the All-USA Academic Team. Nominations are based on academic performance and service to the college and community.

COVID

From page four.



ICC students participate in Wellness Week with a special promotion from JUVA.

One area that COVID touched the most was intramural sports. Hartfield explained, "We were more impacted in the fall semester with intramural sports. For the spring semester, we have offered more intramural sports due to warmer weather. If we do have an indoor intramural sport, we have a limited number of participants in the intramural gym space, and we have not allowed an audience."

Hartfield said that COVID has definitely affected students, both mentally and physically. "I think the limitations to student activities events have greatly impacted our campus community mentally and physically. However, COVID has provided more opportunities to engage virtually with our students. We have seen more involvement with our online students and adult learners due to virtual opportunities."

**Register
for summer/fall semesters.**

UPCOMING MUSIC & ARTS, ETC...

ICC Films to host screening event Apr. 6

Staff Reports

ICC Films will host a film screening, A NIGHT WITH RISING STARS, Apr. 6, at the W.O. Benjamin Fine Arts Center auditorium at the Fulton Campus.

The doors will open at 6 p.m. for students to walk the red carpet and have their pictures made (optional). Dress can be formal or casual.

The screening of the two films will begin at 7 p.m. "Ruby," which was written by Jade Keaton of Tupelo and directed by Charlie Wright of Pontotoc, stars Annaka Langley of Houston and Ashlyn Holcomb of Fulton. "Mississippi Minute" stars Ryan Perich of Saltillo and Patrick Gallagher (Los Angeles, Calif.) from "Night at the Museum."

The event is free to the public and concessions will be available for purchase. COVID-19 guidelines will be followed.

For more information, contact Morgan Cutturini, ICC Films sponsor, at (662) 862-8167 or email ms-cutturini@iccms.edu.



Among ICC All-American Band auditions scheduled for Apr. 17 are Indianettes (dancers), who perform at all home ICC football games as well as other events. Members of the 2020 squad are part of a halftime show last fall.

All-American Band auditions set Apr. 17

Staff Reports

Auditions for the 2021-22 Itawamba Community College All-American Band have been scheduled for 9 a.m., Apr. 17, at the Fulton Campus.

They include Color Guard,

Drum Major and Indianettes.

Instrumental auditions are by appointment only and may be scheduled at rotodd@iccms.edu.

Location and requirement information is available at www.iccms.edu/band or by calling

(662) 862-8406.

Email addresses for specific questions include Drum Major, rotodd@iccms.edu; Color Guard, cacolburn@iccms.edu and Indianettes, rdclayton@iccms.edu.

ICC art students bring home four awards

Staff Reports

Itawamba Community College art students brought home four awards in this year's Mississippi Community College State Art Competition hosted by Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College in Gautier.

Winners included Camille Campbell of Tupelo, third place and a \$50 cash award in the category of Painting for her acrylic painting titled 'Woman's Portrait,' Laken Templeton of Pontotoc, first place and a \$100 cash award in Digital Art for her Adobe Illustrator rendering of Michelangelo's 'David' titled 'Apprehension' and second place and \$75 cash award in 3-D

Design for her hand-sewn recreation of 'The Laughing Cavalier,' a 17th century masterpiece by the Dutch painter Frans Hals; and Mov Etheridge of Baldwin, honorable mention in 3-D Design for her sculpture 'Chinese Guitar.'

Other participating ICC art students include Harleigh Roberts of Baldwin; Raymond Everett of Blue Springs; Jacob Brees of Hernando; Maleigh Collier of Nettleton; Anna Maclaine Griffith, Marlee Schaefer, both of Pontotoc; Katie Pilgrim and Josie Kate Reeves, both of Tupelo.

Artwork of the winners was on display through Friday in the 33rd annual Student Art

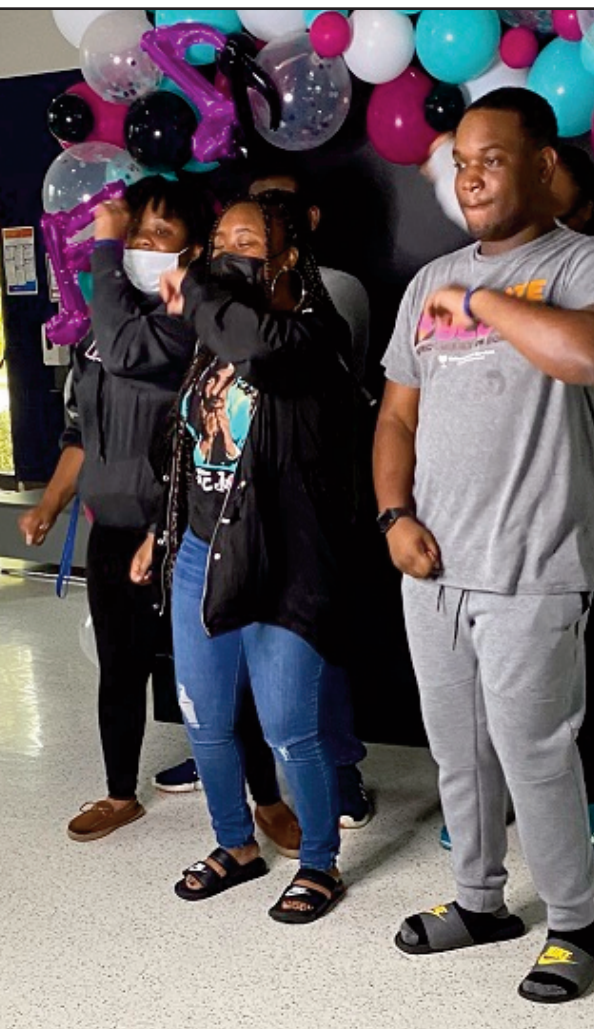
Exhibition and Competition at the MGCCC Jackson County Campus.

The annual statewide exhibition featured nearly 200 student works from 13 different Mississippi community college campuses.

The works were chosen by the individual instructors from their respective institutions as examples they consider the best efforts of their students from the academic school year. The number of entries for each campus is determined by their individual enrollment numbers, so each school has a limited number of works that can be submitted for the exhibition. Artworks were submitted into the 2-D categories of draw-

ing, design, painting/mixed media, photography, printmaking and digital/computer art as well as the 3-D categories of ceramics and 3-D design.

This year's competition was judged by New Orleans-based artists and educators Sarah House and Phil Sandusky. House teaches ceramics at the New Orleans Academy of Fine Art and sculpts in her Bywater Studio. Biloxi native Phil Sandusky is a nationally renowned plein air impressionist landscape and cityscape painter. He teaches landscape, figure and portrait painting, both privately and at the New Orleans Academy of Fine Arts.



TikTok

ICC officially launches TikTok with a celebration in the Student Activities Center, Mar. 23. Students stopped by for giveaways, food and participated in fun challenges. They also had an opportunity to create their own TikToks.

Briefly Speaking...

Chieftain staff wins 11 MPA awards

The Itawamba Community College Chieftain has received 11 awards from the Mississippi Press Association.

Entries were submitted in the Better Newspaper Contest in early February, and the results were announced last Friday.

The awards include Best General News Story, first, Donna Thomas and staff for "Surgical Tech;" Best Sports Column, second, Madison Haley; Best General Interest Column, first, Saman-

tha McNamara; Best Feature Story, second, Donna Thomas and staff for "Juanita Floyd;" Best Feature Story, first, Donna Thomas for "Kayla Black;" Best General News Photo, first, C.J. Adams for "Surgical Tech;" Best Sports Photo, third, Lee Adams and staff for "Daveon Sistrunk;" Best Sports Photo, second, Lee Adams and staff for "Octavious Williams;" Best Editorials, second, Catherine Morgan and Cora Yielding; Best Layout and Design, first, Donna Thomas; Best Front Page, third; and General Excellence, first.

MAN UP workshops coming up in April

Itawamba Community College's MAN UP program has scheduled two workshops for April.

They include Apr. 6 - Transformational Leadership, Dr. Richard Price; and Apr. 21 - Interview Prep, Irijah Kinnard.

All sessions meet from 12:10-1 p.m. in the Crubaugh Technical Education Building (room 110) on the Fulton Campus. ZOOM options are available.

For more information, contact Dr.

Anisi Daniels at aedaniels@iccms.edu or Dr. Emily Tucker at (662) 407-1537.

SKD Book Drive begins this week

Sigma Kappa Delta's book drive began Monday and will continue through Apr. 8.

ICC students can register to win a \$25 Amazon gift card with each book donated.

Books will go to the Lee County Jail and the Boys and Girls Club.

Drop off locations are at both the Fulton and Tupelo campuses.

#inthistgether

FYI

MAKE A NOTE OF IT

JUST A REMINDER...

Review lockdown procedures

ICC’s faculty, staff and students are urged to review campus lockdown procedures.

“The procedures are meant to be very simple because at the point of a lockdown, the major concern is the safety of all of the individuals in the campus community,” said Dr. Brad Boggs, dean of students.

Notifications will be communicated via ICC ALERT, email and the Emergency Information Web page.

Upon notification of campus lockdown, everyone must react immediately.

The procedures include

- 1) Lock all doors and windows.
- 2) Close all blinds.
- 3) Turn off lights.
- 4) Use room furnishings to barricade doors and as protection.
- 5) Everyone should sit on the floor, away from doors and windows.
- 6) Make no noise.
- 7) Remain in lockdown until it is cleared with a notice via ICC ALERT or the police/administrator gives te ALL CLEAR code.

In addition, these are procedures in the event of severe weather conditions or evacuation.

Individuals should check ICC’s website, www.iccms.edu, for information. It’s located under Campus Safety on the home page.

Sign up for ICC ALERT

ICC provides a mass notification system called ICC ALERT.

Students, faculty and staff are encouraged to participate in the free service.

ICC ALERT has been utilized for inclement weather situations when classes and offices were closed due to snow and icing conditions and when storms threatened the area.

To sign up to receive emergency messages through ICC ALERT: 1) Log on to the myTribe portal using your name and password; 2) Click ICC ALERT system in the link section on the bottom right; 3) Log in with your same username and password as myTribe to add/update your information.

For assistance with technical issues, contact the TIS Help Desk at (662) 862-8295 or via email at helpdesk@iccms.edu.

Litter-free

Everyone is reminded to use trash receptacles for litter. It’s up to all of us to show our pride by ensuring that all three locations are litter-free.

Shuttle

Students commuting between the Fulton and Tupelo campuses continue to have the opportunity to take advantage of a free shuttle service.

The service begins and ends in Fulton with stops in front of the Student Services buildings on both campuses as well as at the Health Science Education Center at the Tupelo Campus.

Those who ride the shuttle must have a valid ICC ID card. The shuttle departs from Fulton at 6:30 a.m. and from Tupelo at 7 a.m.; from Tupelo at 7:15 a.m. and arrives Fulton at 7:45 a.m. In the afternoon, it departs from Fulton at 3 p.m., arrives in Tupelo at 3:30 p.m.; departs Tupelo at 3:35 p.m. and arrives in Fulton at 4:05 p.m.

No noise

Unnecessary noise is banned at Itawamba Community College, including loud music, yelling and screaming.

Students who are found guilty of noise violations will be fined, and the fine will double with each successive violation.

Campus Police

ICC-Belden...662.687.2752
ICC-Fulton...662.687.2750
ICC-Tupelo...662.687.2751



New MHP program

Michael Holloway, ICC recruiter, provides information on a pilot MHP Core Program that is scheduled to begin this fall during an information session last Wednesday. Photo furnished.

MHC honors Ward, Stevenson as Humanities Teachers

Staff Reports

Itawamba Community College’s Nathan Ward of Mooreville and Jessi Stevenson of Fulton were among statewide recipients of Mississippi Humanities Teacher Awards, which were presented virtually last Friday at 7 p.m.

Ward, who is the 2021 recipient, has been an English instructor since 2007. Stevenson, the 2020 recipient, has been employed with ICC since 2006 and is currently instructor of Fine Arts.

The awards were presented virtually and streamed over the Mississippi Humanities Council’s Facebook and YouTube channels.

The Humanities Teacher Awards pay tribute to outstanding faculty in traditional humanities fields at each of Mississippi’s institutions of higher learning. Although 2020-21 came

with its own new set of challenges, humanities faculty at Mississippi’s colleges and universities continue to engage in significant work in their classrooms (or home offices), nurturing students’ capacity to think



Nathan Ward

critically and creatively, to evaluate points of view, synthesize information and weigh evidence. Each recipient prepares and delivers a public lecture on a humanities subject prior to the awards celebration. Ward presented “Crossing the Bar: Attaining Student Success,” Jan. 26,

Stevenson,” “Changing the World One Communicator at a Time: A discussion of oxytocin, the power of storytelling and the importance of dialogue in the communication process,” Feb. 25, 2020. Ward’s presenta-



Jessi Stevenson

tion is available on ICC’s YouTube.

Additional presentations included the 2021 Public Humanities Awards, which recognize outstanding work by Mississippians in bringing the insights of the humanities to public audiences.

They include Natasha Trethewey, former Mis-

issippi and U.S. Poet Laureate, Cora Norman Award; Dr. James Giesen, associate professor of history at Mississippi State University, Humanities Scholar Award; Mississippi Book Festival, Humanities Partner Award; Marta Smally, Humanities Educator; and Hawkins vs. Town of Shaw Project, Preserver of Mississippi Culture.

“This year’s winners reflect Mississippians’ thirst for the humanities,” said Dr. Stuart Rockoff, MHC Executive Director. “The humanities can empower communities to preserve and share their important stories, help us understand the experiences of others, and enable us to put our own lives into a larger context. Each winner is a wonderful example of our belief that the humanities are for everyone.”



Tree Planting

Members of ICC’s Forestry Club celebrate Arbor Day 2021 with the planting of a tree in front of the Boggs Humanities Building on the Fulton Campus. The group also coordinated similar events at high schools in Itawamba County.



ICC’s students elected John Curtis DeVaughn and Karli Rose Harris Mr. and Miss Itawamba Community College for 2020-21.

DeVaughn, Harris elected Mr. and Miss ICC

Staff Reports

John Curtis DeVaughn of Mantachie and Karli Rose Harris of Nettleton have been elected Mr. and Miss Itawamba Community College for 2020-21.

DeVaughn is a member of the leadership team for the Wesley Foundation, Baptist Student Union, Student Activities staff, Orientation Leader and Phi Theta Kappa. His honors include Hall of Fame and Dean’s List. His community and church activities are part-time speaker, Food Pantry

volunteer, Vacation Bible School leader and Wednesday night teacher and basketball coach for the Mantachie Youth program. He is a secondary education major. His parents are Geoffrey and Angie DeVaughn.

The first Tupelo Campus student to be selected as Miss ICC, Harris is majoring in Occupational Therapy Assistant Technology at ICC. Her activities include community service chair of the Student Occupational Therapy Association, Indian Delegation

(2019-20), Orientation Leader (2020), Homecoming court freshman and sophomore maids and Monroe County representative for the Student Government Association (2019-20). She is a member of Phi Theta Kappa and a President’s List Scholar. She is the daughter of Rickey and Kim Harris.

DeVaughn and Harris will be featured in the 2021 ICC yearbook, the *Mirror*.



Itawamba Community College is a two-year public-supported institution dedicated to providing high quality educational opportunities that are accessible and affordable for the diverse needs of Chickasaw, Itawamba, Lee, Monroe and Pontotoc counties.

Itawamba Community College fulfills its mission through (1) College-parallel, technical and career programs to prepare students to transfer or enter the workforce; 2) Continuing education and workforce pathways for individuals striving for professional growth or personal enrichment; 3) Strategic partnerships to provide student opportunities, meet business and industry needs and promote economic development; 4) Adult education programs committed to increasing the literacy level of the adult population, providing self-improvement opportunities, workforce readiness and/or high school equivalency; 5) Resources, including financial, physical and technological to advance educational purpose as well as traditional and online instructional services, student support services and business management; 6) Recruitment and employment of qualified personnel as well as provide ongoing opportunities for leadership training and professional growth to improve skills of faculty and staff; and 7) Services and student engagement opportunities to promote leadership growth and success in educational, career and personal goals.

Candidates for admission to academic and career education programs may be admitted by diploma - students are required to present an official transcript from a high school accredited by the appropriate state or regional accreditation association; by completing the appropriate number of Carnegie units; by successfully completing the high school equivalency test- students are required to have an official copy of the high school equivalency transcript mailed to the Registrar/Director of Admissions; by advanced standing (college transfer students). Students graduating without a regular diploma (Occupational Diploma or Special Education Diploma) must successfully complete the high school equivalency test in order to be eligible for admission to Itawamba Community College. Some career education programs may have selective criteria for admission.

Itawamba Community College is an equal opportunity institution. The College strictly prohibits discrimination in its educational programs and activities, employment practices and admissions processes on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, religion, ethnicity, pregnancy, sexual orientation, gender identity, genetic information, status as a U.S. veteran or other status protected by applicable law. For more information, contact the Dean of Students, 602 West Hill Street, Fulton, MS 38843, 662.862.8271, or email TitleIXCoordinator@iccms.edu.

In compliance with Title IV of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; Title IX, Education Amendments of 1972; and Section 504, Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Itawamba Community College makes available its curricular and extracurricular programs and facilities to every qualified person regardless of race, sex, color, creed, national origin or disability.

Itawamba Community College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Commission on Colleges, to award associate degrees. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or call 404.670.4500 for questions about the accreditation of Itawamba Community College.

www.iccms.edu
662.862.8000

Registration under way for eLearning

Staff Reports

Registration is continuing at Itawamba Community College for eLearning second four-week classes. Classes begin on Apr. 12, which is the registration deadline.

For more information, call (662) 862-8000 or email eadviser@iccms.edu.

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ICC schedules commencement ceremonies

Staff Reports

Itawamba Community College has scheduled five commencement ceremonies, May 13 and 14.

They include

May 13, 10 a.m., Associate of Arts (last name A-L), 2 p.m., Associate of Arts (last name M-Z) and 6 p.m., Adult Education; and

May 14, 10 a.m., Associate of Applied Science and Certificates (Career Education programs) and 2 p.m., Associate of Applied Science and Certificates (Health Education programs).

The ceremonies will be in the Davis Event Center on the Fulton Campus. Graduates are to report to the Intramural Gym in the Fitness Center

Survey help!

Staff Reports

ICC's administration needs the assistance of all students in reviewing instruction and supportive services.

Students may provide their opinions through the spring semester's Student Evaluation of Instruction, according to Diann Nichols, assessment coordinator in the office of Strategic Planning and Institutional Effectiveness. Each student will receive these surveys throughout the semester based on term dates. Students will receive an email survey for each class (traditional, online, zoom and hybrid) in which they are enrolled. SEIs will also populate inside each course in Canvas so that students may choose to take the SEI via the email invitation or Canvas link based on personal preference for each class.

All student survey responses remain anonymous, and instructors do not receive the SEI results until after submitting final grades at the end of each semester. ICC's administration may review all comments made in the SEIs.

Student services surveys for admissions, financial aid, campus police, student activities and student housing will be sent with a separate link for each survey to student email addresses and continue to be available at staggered times through April.

Because student opinions are very important to improving the services and instruction that ICC provides, the administration encourages each student to complete all surveys, Nichols said.

Students will receive the student services surveys through their ICC email address.

ACT Prep

Staff Reports

ICC's Continuing Education Department has scheduled several sessions for Preparing for the ACT. All meet on Saturdays from 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Math and science sessions include Apr. 10 and May 29. English and reading are offered Apr. 3 and June 5.

ICC's ACT prep instructors use intensive classroom review procedures in English, reading, science reasoning and math that focus on strategies for improving scores by three methods: review of all concepts tested, tips for overcoming test anxiety and guides for "studying smart" that will help improve test-day performance. Instructors effectively communicate techniques to help students perform with confidence. Pre-test and post-test full-length ACT practice tests are administered to measure performance. Extensive handouts are provided for skill practice.

The cost is \$50 per session.

Preregistration is required. For more information and to register, call (662) 407-1500.



Auburn Head Baseball Coach Butch Thompson will be honored as Itawamba Community College's inductee into the Mississippi Association of Community Colleges Hall of Fame, Apr. 27, on the Hinds Community College Rankin Campus.

MACCCC to induct ICC alumnus Thompson into Sports Hall of Fame

Staff Reports

Itawamba Community College alumnus and Auburn University Head Baseball Coach Butch Thompson will be inducted into the 2021 Mississippi Community College Sports Hall of Fame, Apr. 27.

THE CEREMONY

The ceremony will be at the Hinds Community College Rankin County Campus at 6 p.m.

Thompson is entering his sixth season as Auburn University's head baseball coach.

A two-sport standout athlete at Amory High School, he had a difficult decision whether to continue his career in football or baseball. He starred as a pitcher at ICC for Coach Roy Cresap in 1989 and 1990 and was the closer in every game in which the Indians had a lead or tied, which amounted to

approximately 70 games during the two years.

COACHING CAREER

Thompson, who spent three seasons as an assistant coach and recruiting coordinator at Auburn from 2006-08, returned to the Plains after seven seasons at Mississippi State as both associate head coach and pitching coach from 2009-15. He has also made stops as an assistant coach at Georgia, his alma mater Birmingham Southern and Huntingdon College and was the head coach at Jefferson State Community College.

He has coached 30 Division I All-Americans and 39 all-conference performers. Of his former pitchers, 16 have made their Major League Baseball debuts, including 10 since 2014. In 28 years of coaching at the collegiate level

with 19 in the Southeastern Conference, Thompson has coached eight College World Series participants, including leading the Tigers to the program's first trip to the College World Series in 22 years in 2019. He has also coached one national champion and a national runner-up, won nine conference championships and made 17 postseason appearances. He has also served as an assistant under three National Coach of the Year recipients.

BACKGROUND

Thompson earned a bachelor's degree in history at Birmingham Southern and the master's degree at UAB.

He is married to the former Robin Ashe of Birmingham, Ala., and they are the parents of three daughters, Anna, Olivia and Madelyn Gail.

ICC Trustees elect officers

Staff Reports

Steve Eaton has been elected chairman of the ICC Board of Trustees for 2021,

Other officers include Gill Simmons, vice chairman; Marilyn Sumerford, second vice chairman; Steve Coleman, secretary; and Stacy Russell, immediate past chairman.

Also serving on ICC's Board of Trustees are Amy Anderson, Dr. Jerome Smith, Ollie Young, John Ellison, Ronnie Gholston, Don Loden, Mark Tigner, D.L. "Bud" Wiygul, Dan Lee Bishop, Bonnie Webb, Danny Park, William Shack, Greg McKissick, Danny Gladney, Jeanette Atkins, Mac Allen Thomas, William "Skip" Scaggs, Gerald Bell, Ted Foster and Danny Robins.



New mascot?

Itawamba Community College Assistant Director of Sports Information Lee Adams captured this photo of an eagle circling the baseball field Monday.

Follow ICC's social media.



Andy Kirk coaches the Lady Indians in this file photo.

ICC Softball Kirk captures milestone victory

Staff Reports

With a 9-1 win in six innings at Mississippi Delta Community College, Mar. 9, Itawamba Community College’s Head Softball Coach Andy Kirk picked up the 500th victory of his softball coaching career.

Kirk joined the ICC family in 2011 after 13 years in the Mississippi public school system and two years coaching collegiate baseball at Delta State University and Ball State University.

During his 10 years as head coach of the Indians, Kirk has achieved a record of 316-110 along with a Mississippi Association of Community Colleges Conference Tournament Championship

(2019), National Junior College Athletic Association Region 23 Tournament runner-up (2019), a seventh place finish in the NJCAA DII National Tournament (2019), MACCC Regular Season Championship(2018), MACCC Tournament runner-up (2018) and Top 10 NJCAA rankings.

The Indian program had eight straight seasons with 30 or more wins before COVID ended a promising 2020 season. Ten of Kirk’s players have earned NJCAA and National Fastpitch Coaches Association All-American status, and 18 were NJCAA and NFCA All-Region selections in eight seasons.

While his programs are no stranger to success on the dia-

mond, they are equally successful in the classroom being ranked among the Top 10 in NJCAA Team GPA each season.

In 2002, Kirk helped launch the West Union High School fast pitch program and won his first softball championship in 2009. He also has state championships as an assistant boys basketball coach at New Albany (1997) and head golf coach at West Union (2003). Kirk also led the girls basketball team to three North State Tournament appearances.

Kirk stepped away from the high school softball coaching ranks with a record of 188 wins and 101 losses over 10 seasons.

Women’s basketball team earns share of division, conference championships

Staff Reports

The Itawamba Community College women’s basketball team defeated Mississippi Delta Community College, 65-54, to earn a share of the Mississippi Association of Community Colleges Conference North Division and Conference championships.

The Lady Indians and Coahoma Community College, both with 12-2 records, will share this season’s North Division title.

After MACCC officials elected to forgo the conference tournament due to COVID-19 concerns, it was determined that the winners of the North and South divisions would be recognized as the 2021 MACCC Conference champions. No. 1 Jones College (16-0) won the South Division to earn a share

of the conference title.

The Lady Indians will be the third seed in the National Junior College Athletic Association Region 23 Tournament and will host the winner between 14th-seeded Northwest Mississippi Community College (4-10) and 19-th seeded Northeast Mississippi Community College Wednesday at 6 p.m.

The winner of Wednesday’s game will face the winner between sixth-seeded Copiah-Lincoln Community College (5-8), Monday, Apr. 5. The Lady Indians would host the game if they advance to Monday night.

The region semifinals will be on Wednesday, Apr. 7, with the finals scheduled for Friday, Apr. 9, both at Mississippi College.



ICC’s Lady Indians celebrate a recent victory.

ICC Men’s Basketball withdraws from tournament due to quarantine

In other basketball news, the ICC men’s basketball team was scheduled to travel to fourth-seeded LSU-Eunice

(12-0) on Thursday, but the Indians (5-9) were forced to withdraw from the tournament due to players’ having to quarantine after COVID contact tracing protocols.

Jenkins named Pitcher of Week

Staff Reports

ICC’s Madison Jenkins has been named Softball Pitcher of the Week by the Mississippi Association of Community Colleges Conference for her performance the week of Mar. 9.

The freshman righthander went 3-0 for the week as the No. 6 Indians swept all three of their opponents. She struck out 13, walked one and gave up two earned runs while allowing only nine hits in 15 innings of work. Against Mississippi Delta, the Cleveland native allowed three hits, one run and struck out six in six innings. Against East Mississippi, she threw four innings and allowed three hits and one run while striking out six. Jenkins finished the week throwing five innings and allowing three hits and striking out one in the Indians 3-1 win over East Central.



Madison Jenkins

April 7 ICC schedules 2021-22 cheerleader tryouts

Staff Reports

Itawamba Community College has scheduled its 2021-22 cheerleader tryouts for 4 p.m., Apr. 7, in the Fitness Center gym on the Fulton Campus.

Tryouts will include both coed and all-women cheer squads.

Clinics are scheduled for 4-6 p.m., Apr. 6 and 7, and are required for tryouts. The cost is \$30, and checks and money orders should be made payable to Itawamba Community College. All participants are required to attend both clinic sessions, complete

both the cheer questionnaire and liability waiver and bring a current physical report to the clinics.

The questionnaire and liability waiver are located on LetsGoICC.com/sports/cheer.





ICC's volleyball team and Coach Priscilla Morgan, front row, right, celebrate following their victory over Northwest Mississippi Community College Friday in Fulton. They advance to postseason play.

ICC volleyball advances to postseason with win over Northwest Rangers

Staff Reports

In its inaugural season, the Itawamba Community College volleyball team has advanced to the Gulf District Volleyball Tournament after a 3-1 win over Northwest Mississippi Community College in Fulton last Friday.

The sixth-seeded Indians (13-6) will

travel to Lake Sumter State College and face third-seeded Pasco-Hernando State College (11-10) Thursday at 2 p.m. in the opening round of the single-elimination tournament.

The winner of Thursday's match will take on the winner between second seeded South Florida State College (10-

7) and seventh-seeded Florida Gateway College (0-13) in Friday's semifinals.

The championship match is scheduled for noon, Saturday.

All matches will be streamed by Lake-Sumter with links available on the volleyball schedule page on LetsGoICC.com.

Other teams participating in the district tournament include No. 11 Gulf Coast State College (13-3), host Lake-Sumter (6-9) and St. John's River State College (12-8).

The tournament champion will advance to the NJCAA DII National Tournament Apr. 13-15 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Soccer joins baseball, softball as 'spring sport'



National Rankings
Women's Soccer
7 (preseason)

Baseball
14

Softball
3

Itawamba Community College Sports...

ON THE SCHEDULE

Due to restrictions as a result of COVID-19, athletic schedules and operations are subject to change.

For the most up-to-the minute information, LetsGoICC.com

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Students check their financial aid information in this file photo.

Apply yearly for financial aid; steps are the same

Staff Reports

Students must apply for financial aid every year, and the steps are the same for those who are applying or reapplying, according to Terry Bland, ICC’s director of financial aid.

If students would like financial aid for the summer semester, they must be enrolled full-time for both the spring and fall semester, which is a

minimum of 12 hours each semester, Bland said.

Students must also register for at least six hours of summer classes to be reviewed for receiving summer financial aid.

The application and more information can be found on the home page of ICC’s website, www.iccms.edu under “How to Apply.”

Returning students who are applying for federal financial aid should check to see if they are academically eligible to receive federal financial aid before they register for classes.

Students can apply for federal financial aid at the official website, www.fafsa.gov.

Other options for paying for college include student loans and scholar-

ships.

To apply for student loans, individuals must complete the FAFSA and be enrolled in a minimum of six hours.

Applying for financial aid is only the first step. Students will be notified regarding financial aid via school email.

Harris

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When Sullivan retired, Harris was promoted to his current position.

His role as Director of Projects and Energy Management Systems has been crucial to the College during the COVID impact during the last year. “We went from working five days per week to gradually coming back to one day, two days and so forth. That caused lots of maintenance issues to be put off, and now we are playing catch up. I also helped with a lot of the ordering of the supplies, and trying to determine how much we would use was very challenging.”

Harris said he’s learned a lot from COVID, too, because situations continue to be ever-changing. “Just take it day by day, because it will probably change,” Harris explained. “The way we cleaned and did business had to be a lot more fluid due to sometimes the daily and hourly changes, nonetheless, just becoming more flexible and understanding that no one wants to be conducting business this way, but we have to for safety.”

He said that his job involves management of all construction projects as well as energy consumption. He is also in charge of the college’s plumber, HVAC technicians and electricians, which on any given day could be a nightmare, but he just takes the challenges in stride. “Working with maintenance means that there is always something that needs to be fixed and sometimes not just in working hours (7 a.m.-4 p.m., weekdays),” Harris noted.

Harris said that although managing construction projects is a lot of work, they are “a lot of fun. Being able to help move the college forward with a new building or renovation that helps the different departments of the college is very satisfying to me.” Two such projects include the Academic and Student Center at the Tupelo Campus, which opened in March 2020, and the new residence hall at the Fulton Campus, which is currently under construction. Harris also is responsible for the natural gas systems for the Tupelo and Fulton campuses as well as managing and tracking all life safety inspections for ICC. His extensive list of duties also includes making all event setups for the college, everything from something as big as commencement to as small as making sure recruiters have a table set up in the David C. Cole Student Services Building.

With all of his responsibilities, Harris said that there is “very rarely a typical work day due to the nature of maintaining about 45 buildings. Someone’s air is not going to be working. There is a leak somewhere. A breaker has tripped. All of these things I take very seriously as I feel like it is my job to keep students and employees as comfortable as possible within reason to help them be productive, but yet save energy in the process. It can be a balancing act sometimes.”

His first duty every morning is to check all buildings on the computer to

ensure that they are running and comfortable, then review work orders for jobs that are outstanding, especially those that require priority status. He makes assignments to the appropriate maintenance staff members. “Once I get everything settled on the maintenance side of things, I normally turn to the project side and see what needs to be done,” Harris continued. “Then I routinely have to update inspection records at least on a weekly basis. Being a part of projects, maintenance and setups, there is always a meeting about one of these and normally more than one, so there are lots of meetings to attend as well.”

Although his office is located in the Physical Plant on the Fulton Campus, Harris travels regularly to both the Tupelo Campus and Belden Center to check on facilities.

Harris has come a long way since he entered ICC’s doors in 2006. Along the way he received the Employee of the Year for support staff award in 2015, one of the College’s most prestigious honors.

Almost 15 years later, Harris credits his instructors for making a difference in his life and the decisions he made along the way. “Karen Davis and Christy Colburn in CenterStage, Cy Williams in both speech and dinner theatre, all of the band directors and all of the academic instructors made my transition from high school to college very easy.”

In addition to a full workload, Har-

ris is working toward the bachelor’s degree in Construction Management from Everglades University in Florida.

Although Harris has no other working experience beside ICC, he said that he has worked with some “great people who were willing to teach me, and I learned a lot from them.”

The positives of his job? He said it’s the people with whom he works and encounters. “The people at ICC are one of a kind and always willing to help.” The negatives? “It can get overwhelming sometimes when it seems that every building is breaking at once.”

To relax, he likes to cruise. “I absolutely love getting on a cruise ship, turning my phone off and not having a care in the world. I do enjoy working outside and working at my church,” which is Brewer Baptist, where he runs the sound and video every Sunday. He also helps to manage its social media and website.

Harris has advice for those considering a similar occupation. “It is a great industry to apply yourself. There are so many directions to go in that if you get tired of one job, there is something completely different somewhere else in construction/maintenance.”

And if he could be in another occupation, what would it be? “I would be a sound technician on a cruise ship.”

His ICC family hopes that won’t happen for many, many years.

Don’t miss the April issue!!